

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed January 23, 2008 has been carefully considered by Applicant. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing claim amendments and the remarks that follow.

Allowable Claims

Claims 2-13 are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By the present Amendment, claim 2 is rewritten in independent form and includes the limitations of claim 1. Claim 2 is therefore in condition for allowance.

Claims 9 and 10 are amended to depend from claim 2 and are thus also in condition for allowance.

Claim 3 is rewritten in independent form and includes the limitations of cancelled claim 1. As such, claim 3 is in condition for allowance. Claims 4-8 and 11-15 depend directly or indirectly from claim 3 and are thus also in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejection

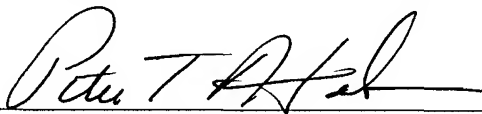
Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Essebaggers U.S. Patent No. 6,290,090. Claim 1 is hereby cancelled, thus rendering the rejection thereof moot.

Conclusion

The present application is thus believed in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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